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SUBJECT: MOBUTU RETURNS - FRENCH PERSEVERE

1. MOBUTU PLANS TO RETURN TO KINSHASA AUGUST 19, AFTER 18 DAY SOJOURN IN EQUATEUR PUNCTUATED BY VISITS TO CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND GABON. UPON HIS RETURN HE WILL RECEIVE CHADIAN PRESIDENT MALOUM FOR STATE VISIT.

2. FRENCH HAVE FIGURED PROMINENTLY AMONG VISITORS RECEIVED BY MOBUTU DURING HIS ABSENCE FROM KINSHASA. IN EQUATEUR HE SUCCESSIVELY HOSTED PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, FOR 48 HOUR PRIVATE VISIT, AND THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER OF FRENCH LIBERATION. IN GABON MOBUTU CONFERRED WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO GABON AND WITH PROMINENT OFFICIALS OF BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS-BAS.

3. COMMENT: MOBUTU'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS FOLLOW JUNE VISITS BY FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION AND FRENCH
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MILITARY MISSION. LOCAL PRESS HAS MADE MUCH OF FRENCH INTEREST

IN ZAIRE WHILE REVEALING NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE. FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ROSS CLAIMS GISCARD'S VISIT WAS DEVOID OF POLICY
SIGNIFICANCE, CONSISTING OF A LITTLE HUNTING,
LEISURELY HIKES, AND LOUNGING ON MOBUTU'S FRONT PORCH. AT
OTHER EXTREME, RUSSIAN CHARGE HERE IS UNPERSUASIVELY PEDDLING
THEORY THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS FRENCH PROVISION OF
NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR SHABA REGION. WE WILL TRY TO PURSUE MATTER
AFTER MOBUTU'S RETURN.
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